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**Chairman Lipscomb Says John Doe Probe Resolution Unnecessary**  
**The County Board Has No Role in Decision on Appeal**

Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. said today that a Board resolution supporting an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of a Wisconsin Supreme Court decision to end the John Doe probe of Gov. Scott Walker's campaign activities is "unnecessary."

"We aren't a party to the lawsuit, and District Attorney John Chisholm doesn't require our permission to go forward with an appeal," Lipscomb said in response to a resolution by Supervisors John F. Weishan, Jr. and Patricia Jursik that expresses Board support of an appeal. "The District Attorney will do what he thinks is right, and it is his call on whether to proceed with an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. He was elected to make these decisions as prosecutor for Milwaukee County and has the legal training and experience to do so."

Lipscomb said he was confident that Chisholm is weighing his decision on whether to appeal carefully and will make the right move. He added that both the County and the state should pay for the cost of any appeal, calling the issue a "statewide matter" if an appeal is pursued.

"The Board has no purview in this case, and it is unnecessary for us to express support for a matter that is still under consideration by legal experts," Lipscomb said, "The Board does not have a role in determining the viability of an appeal, and we should not pressure the District Attorney into making a decision in what ultimately is a legal matter."

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